

BOWSER AT CARDS

Samuel and the Missus Open a Jack Pot.

MOTHER-IN-LAW BUTTS IN.

Old Man Doesn't Discover Her Until Mrs. Bowser Insists on Holding a Queen Full on Tens—Gets Out, but is Corralled by Home Specter.

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M R. BOWSER had been plaid during the dinner hour—that is, he hadn't sworn at the butcher, found fault with the cook, inveighed against the grocer and threatened to break the neck of the first tramp who called. Mrs. Bowser had hopes of getting him started for the theater, but as they left the table and started upstairs he said:

"Little woman, I am going to tell you how we can pass a pleasant evening."

"Go to some play?"

"No."

"Call on the Greens?"

"No."

"Take a long walk?"

"No. Do you know it's a whole year since we played poker?"

"But there's only two of us, you know."

"That's just as good as if there were ten."

"But I have an interesting book for this evening."

"What's an interesting book to poker? I was reading today that poker sharpened one's wits as no other game can."

"But the last time we played you threw the cards on the floor and called me a cheat and a swindler because I won. You said you'd be hanged if you ever played with me again."

"Oh, nonsense! I don't remember any such incident, but if I acted like a dunce I was ashamed of it afterward. You shouldn't hold it up



"YOU HAVE MARKED THE DECK," SAID BOWSER.

against me. I'll tell you what I'll do. If I lose I'll pay; if you lose you needn't."

"And you won't get mad?" asked Mrs. Bowser doubtfully.

"Nonsense! I am not a fiend."

To refuse to play would be to miss Mr. Bowser. To play would almost inevitably end in a quarrel. Mrs. Bowser had to choose, and she reluctantly sat down at the table while he hunted up the cards and chips. He had carried his point and he was jolly.

"By the way," he said as he sat down, "after we are through remind me that you want some money for shopping. I can spare you \$10."

"That's awfully sweet and nice of you."

"Oh, I'm not such a bad fellow, after all. Now, play for your life and don't cheat. We ante 2 cents each and make a Jack pot. What shall we make the limit?"

Arranging the Limit.

"Just as you say."

"Five cents?"

"Yes, or \$5."

"You must have a heap of confidence in yourself. Five dollars, eh? Let's say 25 cents."

"I'm willing."

"Oh, you are? Then we'll ante 5 cents each, open for 10 and make the limit as I said."

On the first three hands out neither player could open the pot. On the fourth Mr. Bowser got a pair of ace and she three queens. It was his say and he chuckled and opened. In his draw he got another ace, and his

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chuckle became a laugh. To her draw she got two ten spots, making her a full house and a winning hand. She didn't chuckle.

"Oh, I guess I can go a dollar on this hand," observed Mr. Bowser as carefully as he could.

"I'll see you and raise you a dollar."

"Look out, Mrs. Bowser. I don't want to take advantage of your ignorance."

"Go ahead."

"Then I see your dollar raise and raise you five more."

"And I raise you ten?"

"Fifteen?"

"Twenty-five?"

"Mrs. Bowser, don't bluff too far. You are not a veteran player, and as you are my wife I'll tell you that I have a strong hand."

"So have I."

"Then I raise you to \$100."

"I make it \$200!"

"But you can't!" he shouted. "You can't raise me a hundred on a cold bluff!"

"Perhaps it's not a bluff."

"But it must be. It's because you don't understand the game. You may have two big pairs, but you ought to know."

"Do you call me?"

"Not by the seven yeller mules! I raise you to \$500!"

"I make it a thousand!"

"Woman, what does this mean?" he asked as he leaned back in his chair.

"We sit down to a little game of poker by our own fireside. You begin to bluff at once. You may have stolen some of the cards in your hand. You may—"

"Do you call?" she interrupted.

Raising the Calls.

"Not by a durned sight! I raise it another thousand!"

"So do I!"

Mr. Bowser slammed down his cards and rose up and waved his arms around and shouted:

"You've marked the deck! You've cheated! You've played a low down game! It ends right here! Never—never as long as we live will I play another game of cards with you!"

"But I played honestly," she protested, "and I was not bluffing. Here are my cards."

"Queen full on tens. That settles it! You hooked every one out of the deck when my back was turned!"

"But you haven't turned your back."

"Woman!"

"Yes, I'm a woman!" announced a voice behind him, and he turned to behold his mother-in-law. She had arrived on one of her little trips and, finding the front door unlocked, had walked in unannounced.

"You—you!" he gasped.

"All here, Samuel. Don't get unduly excited. I am your respected mother-in-law, and as such I can't be bluffed nor humiliated."

"I'll leave the house till you get gone!"

"I was about to suggest that, course, as I am to remain here for the next three months."

Quitter Led Back.

He walked down the hall, donned his hat and overcoat and banged the front door behind him. He didn't know where to go after he got out, but five minutes later brought up at his family drug store on the corner. He wanted sympathy. He wanted kind words. He wanted to tell the druggist all about it and be consoled, and he had just got ready to talk when in walked the mother-in-law in pursuit. She walked right up to him and took him by the hand and said:

"Samuel, come with me!"

"I'll be hanged if I do!"

"Come along with me or follow in the ambulance!"

"That's what he needs—a strong hand," said the druggist as he nodded in approval. "He means well, but he wanders from his subject too often."

The family cat had followed the mother-in-law. Under the skies of night, side by side and her hand gripping his, walked Mr. Bowser and his terror and conqueror, and behind them followed the wondering feline. And when the procession had reached a well known gate it turned in, passed up the steps and into the house, and a moment later what was happening there was hidden from all outside eyes. The wind moaned, and the gold-leaf leaves fell, and there was a dream

ness to the night, but the mother-in-law had come to make home happy.

A Man Who Reads Everything.
The Journal Français, a little sheet published by the Society of Teachers of French in England, gives in its first issue an amusing instance of La Comandine's thirst for knowledge. La Comandine, it may be observed, was a celebrated French physicist, and to him is credited the first mention in Europe of the India rubber tree. One day the savant visited Mme. de Choleuil. She was at that time engaged in correspondence and wished to finish her letter. He approached close to her and was reading over her shoulder what she was writing. She perceived the maneuver and continued writing. "I would tell you more about it if M. de Comandine was not behind me reading what I am writing." Before she could proceed further he interrupted her. "Ah, madame, nothing could be more unjust; I assure you I was not reading anything."—London Globe.

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OTHER PAPERS IN THE RUMPUS

Extract From Columbus News Editorial Disapproves of the Attitude of the Newspaper Trust in the Senatorial Contest—Cleveland News Asks Pertinent Question of the Trust-Owned Papers Opposing the Dayton Candidate For Senator.

One of the features of the debates carried on by E. W. Hanley of Dayton and Albee Pomerene of Canton, rival Democratic candidates for the United States senatorship, has been Mr. Hanley's bold and acrimonious attack on the Scripps-McRae league, the organization of which E. W. Scripps, the California multi-millionaire, is the head. Hanley is the first public man who has had the temerity to strike back at the Scripps newspapers, which in Ohio are the Cincinnati Post, the Columbus Citizen, the Cleveland Press, the Toledo News-Bee and the Akron Press. The trouble was started by the newspapers, however, for as soon as Hanley's name was mentioned as a possible candidate for the senatorship the hottest sort of attacks were made on him in all the Scripps papers. It was announced that he was to be "put out of business" and that Pomerene was to be elected senator. Hanley remained silent under the Scripps charges that he was a corrupt boss, a tool of "the interests," an ignoramus and a representative of

MR. AND MRS. CUDAHY, UNDER THE SAME ROOF, MAY FORGET THE PAST



Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 31.—"Are the Cudahys to be reconciled?" is the question that is now agitating this city. Mrs. Edna Cudahy, divorced wife of Jack Cudahy, has arrived in Pasadena and is domiciled at the Cudahy residence, where her former husband has been staying since his arrival last Wednesday. It is said that a reconciliation has been effected.

Mrs. Cudahy obtained a divorce August 23. This followed a sensational episode in the Kansas City home of the couple the morning of March 5, when Jere S. Lillis, a wealthy banker, was mutilated by Cudahy and a man purporting to be his chauffeur. The divorce was granted on the ground of incompatibility of temper. John P. Cudahy is the son of Michael Cudahy, the millionaire meat packer.

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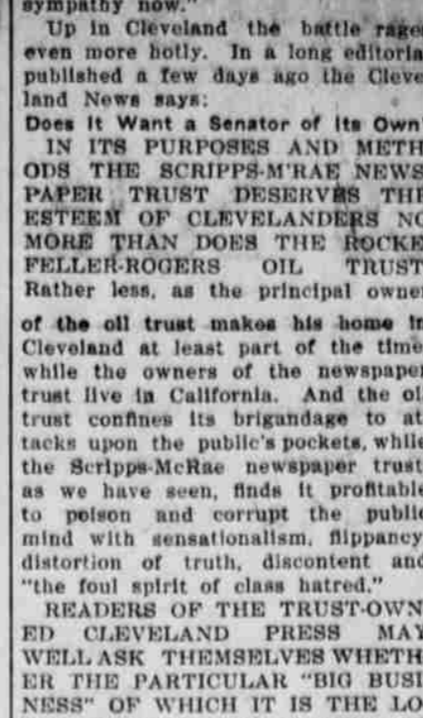
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